



# Chili Cook-off Registration

City of Maricopa  
Stagecoach Days 2013  
Saturday, October 19, 2013  
4 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
Pacana Park





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## Registration Form for City of Maricopa Special Event

# CHILI COOK-OFF CONTESTANT

Stagecoach Days 2013 – Saturday, October 19, 2013

Pacana Park, 19000 N. Porter Rd., Maricopa

Event Time: 4-9 p.m.

**The City of Maricopa** will be hosting a traditional chili cook-off at Stagecoach Days 2013. In addition to bragging rights, contestants will battle for a \$200 cash prize for the Best Hot Chili, Best Mild Chili, and Most Unusual Chili with a \$100 cash prize awarded to the runner up in each category. An additional cash award will be presented for Best Showmanship.

If you have been told that your chili is so good that you should showcase it at a community event, then this contest is for you! In a traditional “top chef style” chili cook-off challenge, you will be preparing your award winning chili for the audience to see and competing against other chili contestants as well as the clock in order to present your chili for tasting by an esteemed panel of judges.

The contest is open to the first ten (10) contestants in each category who pay the \$15 entry fee. Space is limited and will be assigned based on the category and the order in which packets are received on a first come, first serve basis. You must attend the Head Cook meeting to reserve your spot in the completion. If you are unable to attend, you must have a representative in attendance. Applications must be received by October 7, 2013, provided space is still available.

Chili at the cook-off is cooked on site and from scratch, under specific time constraints. A panel of judges will determine the winners using a blind selection process. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place prizes will be awarded for Best Hot, Best Mild and Most Unusual.

Spectators can vote for their favorite chili team by depositing quarters into the “Voting Container” that will be supplied to you and that you will have at your booth. Whoever gets the most quarters in the Best Showmanship will receive a 50/50 split of the “votes” and a trophy. In addition, the remaining 50% will be awarded to the charity of your choice.

The winners will earn the right to boast their successes for an entire year in our community...until next year’s cook-off, when the winning teams will have to defend their titles!

**ENTRY FEE** (non-refundable): The entry fee will be \$15.00 per chili entered. Contestants may enter more than 1 batch of chili. A separate entry form is needed for each category entered.

Entry Fee	Chili Category
<input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Hot <input type="checkbox"/> Mild <input type="checkbox"/> Unusual

**PAYMENT FOR ENTRY FEE:** Payment in full with completed application form is first come, first served, until competition spaces are sold out. Any returned check will be charged a \$35.00 fee. Failure to pay the appropriate fee by the due date will result in loss of the competition space. Application and payment must be received by Monday, October 7, 2013, provided space is still available. Check or money order payable to the City of Maricopa.





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## CHILI CONTESTANT INFORMATION

<b>Contestant/Team Name:</b>	
<b>Category:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Hot <input type="checkbox"/> Mild <input type="checkbox"/> Most Unusual
<b>Contact Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>City, State &amp; Zip:</b>	
<b>Phone:</b>	
<b>Cell:</b>	
<b>E-mail Address:</b>	
<b>Head Cook Name:</b>	
<b>Head Cook Cell:</b>	
<b>Name of charity who would benefit from the 50/50 Best Showmanship proceeds:</b>	
<b>Is electrical access needed?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

## CONTESTANT WAIVER

To the extend allowed by law, I hereby absolve the City of Maricopa, its employees, sponsors, agents, independent contractors, and officers from all liability which may arise as the result of my/our participation in activities I or any member of my family attends or registers into; and, in the event that the above named participant is a minor, I hereby give my permission for his or her participation as indicated and in so doing absolve the City of Maricopa, its employees, sponsors, agents, independent contractors, and officers from such liability. I am aware that if I am participating in a special event that I am liable for all issues arising to and pertaining to my participation and hereby resolve the City of Maricopa of special event liability. I release use of my/our photos taken during program participation from all and any claims and demands resulting from their use in program publicity.

I understand that this is a request form only until signed by a City of Maricopa Special Event staff person. Once this form is signed by both parties it will be considered a binding agreement.

By signing below I agree to abide by the rules and conditions set forth by the City of Maricopa.

<b>CONTESTANT SIGNATURE:</b>		<b>DATE:</b>	
<b>CITY OF MARICOPA:</b>		<b>DATE:</b>	



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### DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **September 15, 2013** – Chili Cook-off Registration opens
- **October 7, 2013** - Application deadline
- **October 7, 2013** - Payment due
- **October 10, 2013** - Mandatory Chili Cook-off Chef Meeting, at *new* City Hall at 6 p.m.
  - **City Hall** - Montezuma Conference Room  
39700 W Civic Center Plaza, Maricopa AZ 85138
- **October 19, 2013** – Stagecoach Days 2013
  - **2 p.m. - 3 p.m.** – Chili Cook-off contestant load in and booth set-up
  - **3 p.m.** – Start ingredient cutting and preparation
  - **4 p.m.** – Event begins - start cooking
  - **7 p.m.** – All chefs fill judging containers in preparation for judging
  - **8 p.m.** – Judging results and awards ceremony on stage
  - **9 p.m.** – Event ends and load out

#### DROP-OFF FORM AT:

City Hall  
39700 W Civic Center Plaza  
Maricopa, AZ 85138

#### FAX TO:

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#### MAIL TO:

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Community Services Special Events  
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#### FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:

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#### FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Date Received _____	Staff Initials _____
Payment Received: _____	Receipt # _____
Entry Number: _____	Booth #: _____



## CHILI COOK-OFF CONTEST RULES

The following rules are to be adhered to by all cook-off participants.

### GENERAL

- 1) Contestants must pre-register in order to enter the contest.
- 2) A \$15 entry fee is required.
- 3) Various categories are established as guidelines to ensure fair competition between individuals/teams.
- 4) A team consists of two (2) or more people entering the contest together. A team is limited to no more than six (6) people due to space limitations – the head cook and five assistants. Each team can have unlimited cheerleaders, however, these cheerleaders may not participate in the preparation, seasoning or cooking of the chili.
- 5) Individuals and teams are responsible for supplying all chili ingredients, cooking and heating apparatus and equipment – tables, coolers, outdoor extension cords, propane stoves and cooking utensils, etc.
- 6) Ingredients for your chili entry may consist of meats, chili peppers, pre-cooked or canned tomatoes, various spices, and other ingredients, such as any variety of beans. Chili must be handmade and not pre-packaged or purchased elsewhere.
- 7) All entrants must prepare a minimum of two (2) quarts of chili for the event with four (4) cups set aside for judging (containers will be provided).
- 8) Contestants will follow all health and fire department guidelines.
- 9) Contestants cannot give out samples.
- 10) No team will start cooking before the official signal to start.
- 11) Chili must be prepared out in the open for all to see.
- 12) Each contestant will be assigned a contestant number and will be given four (4) official judging cups. Each contestant is responsible to have their cups filled with the chili sample and ready for pick-up by the chili rangers at the official time for judging.
- 13) A single batch of chili totaling at least 64 ounces is required. Four (4) one cup servings will be drawn for judges tasting.
- 14) Hand in time for competition chili is 7 p.m. There will be a 30-minute warning for turn in. Don't be late!
- 15) Contestants are encouraged, not required, to name their chili and decorate their cooking area to reflect that name. There is an award given for Best Showmanship.
- 16) This chili cook-off is for cooks who just want to have fun and be recognized for their superb culinary skills. Dress up, wear a costume, just have fun!

### SET-UP/TEARDOWN

- 1) Each team will be allocated a space no larger than 12' x 12'. You are responsible for your own booth setup: tables, chairs and tent/canopy.
- 2) The event will have limited access to electricity. If you require electrical access (e.g., for cookers, electric knife, etc.) please note this request on the registration form. You are responsible for outdoor power cords and surge protectors.
- 3) Teams having special requirements for their stand/display must notify the Community Services Department at the time of application. Stand set up begins at 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 19, 2013.
- 4) All chili must be prepared on-site starting at 4 p.m. You must have a cooler and ice to store any perishable items not being used. All contestants must be ready to go by 3:45 p.m. as the event starts sharply at 4 p.m.
- 5) We encourage contestants to be responsible for leaving its area clean at the end the end of the contest. Stands must be cleaned and completely removed from the site no later than 10 p.m.
- 6) Load/unload: Chili teams are not allowed to drive on turf. We will provide assistance to move your product to your assigned location.





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## **PINAL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS**

- 1) No food prepared at home shall be sold or given away. No home canned foods are allowed.
- 2) No smoking allowed; Pacana Park is a smoke-free environment.
- 3) All receipts and bills of sale must be retained and made available upon request.
- 4) All preparation for the competition chili must be done on site and from scratch. Scratch means starting with raw meat, vegetables and regular spices. Canned tomatoes and sauce are allowed. Pre-cooked or canned beans are allowed. Vegetables may be washed and meat may be chopped before hand.
- 5) Only USDA certified meat can be used.
- 6) No seafood products are allowed.
- 7) All contestants must keep a clean and sanitary work area. We trust that you will prepare your chilin in the cleanest environment.
- 8) Styrofoam ice chests are not allowed.
- 9) You must also provide a hand washing station consisting of: water cooler with valve, soap, paper towels and a small bucket to collect waste water. Hand washing is required after touching skin or hair, soiled utensils or wiping rags, dirty clothing or aprons, and after eating, drinking, smoking or using the restroom.
- 10) The food handling/preparation area must be separated from the public.
- 11) There is no eating or drinking in the food preparation area. Items used should be stored off the ground and be protected from contamination during usage and storage.
- 12) Potentially hazardous foods (e.g., meat, poultry, seafood, egg and dairy products, cooked vegetables including beans) must be held at temperature 160+ degrees prior to serving, then maintained at 130+ degrees for serving. A metal stem product thermometer is mandatory to monitor food temperatures. Cooks not following these standards will be asked to dispose of the food products not meeting temperature standards.
- 13) Contestants must keep their chili at serving temperature of 140 degrees and must keep chili covered with a tightly fitting lid when not serving.
- 14) Bare hand contact with ready to eat food is prohibited. Food must be handled with utensils and disposable gloves.
- 15) Hair must be restrained in caps, hats or ponytails in the preparation and serving areas.

## **MARICOPA FIRE DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS**

- 1) The contestant is responsible for furnishing their own cooking means (propane or electric). No wood or coal burning allowed.
- 2) All participants who are using tents are required to bring their own stakes, sandbags, blocks, and/or gallon jugs filled with water to properly anchor their tents.

## **BEST SHOWMANSHIP RULES**

- 1) All contestants must be respectful to others, no offensive displays, excessive noise or music.
- 2) Lewdness, nudity is prohibited.
- 3) The use of firearms, explosives or pyrotechnics is prohibited
- 4) Interfering with other contestants is prohibited.

## **JUDGING & AWARDS**

- 1) All chili entries will be blind judged by a panel of hand picked chili connoisseurs.
- 2) The decision of the judges are final and binding.
- 3) The public at large will vote for the "Best Showmanship" award.
- 4) All entrants participate at their own risk and liability. The City of Maricopa is not liable for losses or damages resulting from participation in this event. The City of Maricopa and sponsors reserve the right to change or modify these rules at any time. Any changes will be communicated to all entrants. The City of Maricopa and the Stagecoach Days Committee reserves the right to disqualify any team for violation of these rules.

